

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the title as follows:

SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL MADE OF HARD METAL AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR SAME

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

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